

## Spotsylvania Social News

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Spotsylvania, Va., December 10.—Joseph W. Nussey, of Richmond, after spending a week at Spotsylvania, has returned home.

Judge E. H. Wells, of Richmond, who has visited Spotsylvania recently on official business, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Dubank, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Nussey, at Massaponax, have returned to their home at Milford.

Colonel Robert C. Haydes, of Mount Pleasant, has returned home, after visiting Spotsylvania.

R. Lindsay Gordon, of Louisa, has returned home after visiting Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, for several days.

Ell Nussey, of Milford, is visiting friends and relatives in Spotsylvania.

Mrs. Inez C. Massey and children have moved from Spotsylvania to their new home at Guinea.

Henry M. Holladay, of Holladay, is visiting in Fredericksburg, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McWhirt are at home again at Spotsylvania, after visiting for some days at the Summit.

## Chatham Social News

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Chatham, Va., December 10.—Mrs. Laura Mayhew and Samuel H. Owen, of Galveston, Pittsylvania county, were quietly married at the home of the bride, Wednesday. They will reside near Galveston.

Miss Mary L. Goolbsy, youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Goolbsy, of this place, and Jesse H. Outlaw, will be married at the bride's home in West Chatham, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. Ryland Sanford performed the ceremony, immediately after which the couple left for an extended Southern tour.

A very enjoyable hop was given by the young men in the opera house Tuesday night, which was well attended. Dancing was indulged in for several hours.

Dr. T. L. Watson, of the University of Virginia, was a guest of his father Sunday.

L. B. Whitehead and bride left Tuesday for Buena Vista.

## Appomattox Social News

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Appomattox, Va., December 10.—H. C. Dabcock left this week for Richmond. H. C. Steele, of Roanoke, was a visitor to the village this week.

Hen. A. F. Thomas and J. C. Woodson were here Monday.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Thursday afternoon when Miss Fene Schlager became the bride of Reaugh Primm.

Miss Lela Gilliam and daughter, Lucy Allen, and T. H. Coleman were visitors at Walker Coleman's this week.

The Appomattox Agricultural High School will close on the 23d and open again January 2.

Miss Ida Farrar, of Tuggle, was a visitor here Sunday.

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## Social Side of Washington

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Washington, December 10.—Washington, by way of maintaining its prestige as a convention city, will entertain next week the International conference of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes. Prominent counselors, jurists, philanthropists and officials will be in attendance, and some of the most momentous questions of to-day will be discussed. Among the distinguished guests who have consented to address the conference are President Taft, Secretary of State Philander Knox, Charles W. Elliot, Simon M. Baldwin, William D. Boukko, Francis B. Loomis, Richard Bartholdi, Charles Noble Gregory and Thomas Nelson Page. Theodore Marburg, secretary of the conference and president of the Municipal Art Society, of Baltimore, will also make an address.

This week the national capital had three congresses to convene within its borders—the only original Congress of the United States and the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which met on Monday, and the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which assembled for tri-daily sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The last two held joint sessions on Thursday and were fraternally gracious to the members of the National Red Cross Society, who held their annual meeting here at the same time. The presence of so many distinguished strangers was the reason d'être for unusual entertaining.

Among the visitors here for the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors

Congress—a two-year-old organization with a membership of 40,000—are noted Hoyle Tompkins, of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. A. Barton Miller, of Charleston, S. C., president and president-elect of the organization, and Mrs. William Cummings Story, vice-president from New York, who was accompanied to Washington by Miss Florence G. Finch, her friend and fellow-student. Since Mrs. Story is prominently mentioned as a probable candidate to succeed Mrs. Matthew T. Scott in the office of president-general of the D. A. R. at next year's election, it may be interesting to remark the splendid impression she made as a speaker in the waterway congresses. Indeed, her speeches were one of the surprises of the meetings, for she is so eminently feminine in dress and manner that strangers could not be expected to anticipate her masterly handling of the subjects under discussion, and, above all, her womanly self-possession, which was on manifest as if she were in the drawing room instead of on the rostrum.

Washington society during the week just closed began its welcome back to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swanson, who, since leaving the capital and the House of Representatives circle, have spent four years in the Governor's Mansion in the Old Dominion, and many months in foreign travel. In taking up life anew here, Senator and Mrs. Swanson are receiving many congratulations from the friends moving into their new home, the former residence of ex-Governor and Mrs. Merriam, of Minnesota, they were

house guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Marye, who, with Mrs. Taft, was present at the Capitol when Mr. Swanson took the oath of office as successor to the late John W. Daniel, of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are enjoying the diminishing prospect of losing that generous and graceful hostess, Mrs. Julius Caesar Burrows, who, through her failure to secure re-election to the Senate from Michigan brought much sincere regret to her friends here, until it "percolated" through official channels that he was to be appointed a member of the Panama Commission at the end of his present term of office. Now the circle with which Mrs. Burrows has been so long identified, that as a congressional hostess, and Washington society, has another citizen with an "ex" title.

Speaking of titles reminds me of the story of a Virginia lady recently in Washington who asked if any one could tell her the only nobleman's name mentioned in the Bible. To which the wag replied, "Barren fig tree."

Lady Johnstone, wife of the British minister to Copenhagen, who is making an annual visit to her mother, Mrs. James Pinchot, and her brother, Dr. Gifford Pinchot, Miss Adele Colgate, daughter of the Duchess of Sutherland, and Miss Marjorie, daughter of the United States minister to Madrid, Henry Clay Ide, house guests of Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beckman, Winthrop, Mrs. Francis K. Stevens, of New York, who is spending some days with her parents, Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, incidentally to enjoy the prenuptial festivities of the Moore-Davis wedding; Mrs. William Wallingford, of South Africa and California, who is making her first visit to Washington since her marriage here three seasons ago; Iwao Nishi, of Tokyo; Count Jean du Monceau, of Brussels, and R. L. Kenna, of London, have added to the gaiety of the week at the national capital. Mr. Kenna, a great friend of William Glynn Gladstone, grandson of Mr. Gladstone's "Grand Old Man" who is reported to have been appointed secretary to the British legation in Washington, United States, and very naturally was questioned about him. "Young Gladstone" was a boyhood friend of the late King Edward, and was his traveling companion during his tour of the East in 1887. The boy was only six years old when his father died and thirteen at the time of the death of his grandfather, who devoted a good deal of the leisure of the peaceful years of his life to teaching his favorite grandchild Latin. It is a wonder that young Gladstone left Oxford with high honors. According to Mrs. Kenna, also Mr. Gladstone, who inherited his grandfather's estate, Hawarden, is one of the richest young men recently acceded to this capital from Great Britain.

Wednesday was a day of days, beginning with the fashionable Rubenstein Club's first evening social, the Moore-Davis wedding and breakfast at high noon, the unveiling of the Baron von Steuben statue by Miss Helen Taft, in the presence of a brilliant company of invited guests, 5,000 British Germans and dozens of regiments of the United States Army, and ending with innumerable dinners, companies large and small. A most enjoyable concert given by the Russian Imperial Ballad Orchestra, under the leadership of W. W. Andreev, and the distinguished patronage of the Russian ambassador, Baron Rosen; two debutante teas and the regular Cabinet calling were some of the intervening events, which combined to keep society on the wing from early morn till snowy eve, or rather midnight.

In Madame Ali Kuli Khan, wife of the Persian charge d'affaires, the diplomatic corps has another can hostess of a foreign legation at the national capital, and right gladly is this happy representative of the old and a new civilization welcomed, for he is remembered, Madame Ali Kuli Khan, spent a season here two years ago when her husband, a secretary, General Moriz Khan, the minister, and she the chaperone of the legation, as they again this winter. During her absence from Washington, Madame Ali Kuli Khan received from the Shah one of the most unique and honorable titles ever bestowed by him upon a woman—"Moriz Khan-Sadik"—a Persian phrase meaning "Life-giver of the Empire," bestowed in recognition of her efforts to educate the women of her adopted country according to the ideas of her native land. With this title she is privileged to wear a cloth of gold garment, which is a cross between a kimono and an academic gown. This feature, fully and wonderfully made robe is called an "abba," and is most becoming to the owner, who wears with it, as a further mark of the Persian ruler's favor, a gold decoration of learning.

While in Persia ill health prevented Madame Ali Kuli Khan's taking an active part in establishing schools and colleges for girls in many parts of the empire, as she was requested by the Nationalists. She did, however, lay the foundation for the Washington and her husband, on the occasion of his visit there this autumn, found twenty-two schools for young women had been established in Tehran alone in the incredibly short time since the movement was started by Madame Ali Kuli Khan.

While Persian woman are thus reaching out for broader education for their sons in Europe and America, and for their daughters in native schools, said Madame Ali Kuli Khan, "the latter are not being permitted to neglect the arts—embroidering and cooking—in which their feminine ancestors for generations upon generations have been noted. If in either they excel," she continued, "it is in cookery, and not even in Persia, where the art for its cuisines, have I eaten such delicious food as is served at an afternoon tea in the land of perfume and flowers."

Madame Ali Kuli Khan learned to prepare some of these dainties, and when in Persia her home is furnished with the family treasures now en route from Persia, Washington society folk may expect to have their appetite tickled with a variety of food and drinks as poetic as the feasts of Iranus.

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## Harrisonburg Social News

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Harrisonburg, Va., December 10.—Mrs. L. C. Myers has gone to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Richardson, in Richmond.

Mrs. R. A. Gibbons attended the funeral of her uncle, Rev. J. S. Hopkins, in Mount Jackson, on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. D. Wallace is visiting relatives in Waynesboro.

Mrs. Edgar A. Relfly has returned to Baltimore, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Messick.

Mrs. Grant Lind, wife of Dr. Lind, has returned to Jordan Mines, near Covington, after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. W. B. Compton entertained a number of friends at cards on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Dowman have returned to Wisconsin.

Professor A. E. Hopkins, principal of the Harrisonburg graded school, is confined to his home with measles.

Miss Virginia Armentrout, of Strasburg, is visiting in town.

Miller V. Bishop, student of Randolph-Macon College, visited in the home of A. R. Rosenberger this week.

Leaves Lena Ellinger, of Harrisonburg, to Monterey, Highland county.

Mrs. Killian Price and little son, have returned to their home at Hickory, N. C., after spending two months with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Helbert, of Broadway.

Dr. A. W. Slaughter, of Green Bay, Wis., is visiting in Harrisonburg, his first trip here in twenty years.

Miss Althea Loose, teacher of foreign languages at the State Normal School, is spending several weeks at Martinsburg.

Dr. Templeton Adair, a native of Lexington, who came to Harrisonburg a year ago, has accepted a position as physician for three large churches with headquarters at Kilsytho, Fayette county, Va.

T. E. Settle, of Rappahannock county,

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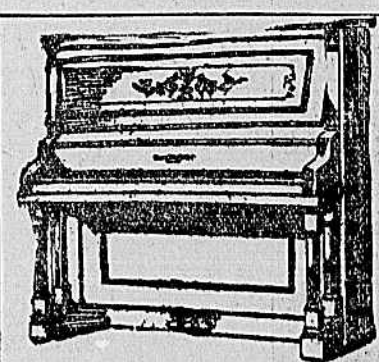
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There are already a number of applications for admission to the farmers' winter course in agriculture, which begins January 16, and continues for four weeks. Among those applying are several women.

By special invitation of the faculty and students, President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University, spoke in the assembly hall Friday evening. This is one of the series of addresses by educators of note that have been planned for the session.

President Barringer and C. I. Wade, treasurer of the V. P. L., were in Roanoke for the meeting of the executive committee of the board of visitors this week.

## Heathsville Social News

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Heathsville, Va., December 10.—Rev. Mr. Routten, the new Methodist Episcopal minister, and family, have arrived. He preached his first sermon on Sunday night.

Charles Hogan, who has been in Baltimore, has returned.

The amateur minstrel troupe from Reidsville, gave a performance here recently, which wound up in a very pleasant dance.